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brought this forward?

SENATOR KREMER: The Department of Agriculture. I just found out that the cost of permit ranges from \$150 to \$400. That's the health certificate.

SENATOR LOUDEN: That's what...that's what they have to pay for a health certificate?

SENATOR KREMER: Well, I don't know who pays it? Based on the number of colonies that they (inaudible).

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yeah, okay. But this was something that came through the Department of Agriculture. This wasn't something that was initiated by anybody that's operating a apiary or anything like that?

SENATOR KREMER: Well, nobody testified for the apiaries at all. There was no opposition testimony either. It seemed like the numbers have declined so much that I don't know what...whether there was not that much interest or what.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, yeah, I'm sure with only 177 colonies, as you call it, left in Nebraska, that there probably weren't a lot of people involved in this thing. Part of the reason we've lost a lot of our bee business in Nebraska is not only the drought, but the government subsidies and that sort of thing. It's been pretty tough on beekeepers to stay in business. So anyway, I don't think I can support this bill as it's written. I'll return any time I have back to Senator Kremer, if he so wishes.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay. Senator Louden, we would take a look at this and see if we can find out some answers for you and give you...get back to you before Select File, if you'd like. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Louden and Senator Kremer. Further discussion on the bill? Seeing none, the Chair would recognize Senator Kremer to close. He waives closing.